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## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met on Monday, November 19, 2018. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council:

- On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), Bureau Chief Harry Rossander presented two requests for Resolution of Funds pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>29C.20A</u> with regard to the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Disaster Emergency. The two requests are detailed below:
  - \$90,000 for Henry, Muscatine, and Washington counties.
  - An additional \$25,000 for Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Howard, and Winneshiek counties.

The Council unanimously approved the above requests.

- The Office of the Attorney General (AG) requested approval for payment of expenses pursuant to lowa Code section <u>7D.10</u> in the approximate amount of \$21,000.
- The AG also requested the retention of outside counsel pursuant to lowa Code section <a href="13.3">13.3</a>(1) in three cases: Cherie Kreger v. University of Northern Iowa, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa, a workers' compensation case filed by a State employee; Kameron Paulus v. Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa, a workers' compensation case filed by a State employee; and Barbara Stevens v. Iowa State University, State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa, a workers' compensation case filed by a State employee. The Council unanimously approved all three requests.
- The Council approved two leases between the Department of Natural Resources and Bunge North America for two parcels along the Mississippi River bed in Clayton County to be used as a barge fleeting area for grain elevators. The leases are for a term of five years and will generate a combined annual fee of approximately \$22,000.
- The Council also approved a total of approximately \$684,000 in emergency allocations for the following reasons:
  - An emergency allocation and reimbursement of \$6,700 to the Board of Regents University of lowa to repair flooring in the living area of Tamisiea Cottage at the Lakeside Laboratory in Milford, lowa. The flooring was damaged by a fire on November 19, 2018.
  - Two supplemental emergency allocations to the Iowa Communications Network. The first was for \$760, increasing the total allocation to \$14,350, to repair damage sustained to a cable along Caves Road in Jackson County due to rodent chews. The second was for \$2,350, increasing the total allocation to \$14,560, to repair damage sustained to a cable along Harrison Avenue near Rock Rapids due to erosion.
  - Three emergency allocations to the Iowa Communications Network for an approximate amount of \$78,000 to repair cables damaged by erosion in Cedar, Clayton, and Emmet counties.
  - Seven emergency allocations or reimbursements to the Department of Public Safety, totaling approximately \$38,000, to repair State patrol vehicles.
  - An emergency allocation of \$69,000 to the Department of Natural Resources to repair July 19, 2017, storm damage to Pikes Peak State Park.
  - An emergency allocation of \$489,000 to the Department of Administrative Services to repair damage to the Capitol Complex from flooding caused by heavy rains on June 25, 2018, and June 30, 2018.

• Finally, the Council approved a total of approximately \$82,000 in payment of cost items.

**Additional Information.** Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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